GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:772
ANSWERED ON:20.07.2017
Ravi-Beas River Water Dispute
Kumar Shri Ashwini

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state the current status of the Ravi and Beas river water sharing dispute between Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

Ravi & Beas Waters Tribunal was constituted in 1986 for verification of the quantum of usage of water claimed by Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan regarding their shares in remaining waters. The Tribunal forwarded a report in January, 1987. The States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan and Central Government made references to the tribunal seeking clarification/ guidance on certain points of the report under the provisions of the Inter-State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act, 1956. The matter is subjudice before Tribunal.

Meanwhile, the State of Punjab. enacted the Punjab Termination of-Agreements Act, 2004 (PTAA) on 12.07.2004 terminating and discharging the Government of Punjab from its obligations under the agreement dated 31.12.1981 and all other agreements relating to waters of Ravi-Beas. A Presidential Reference in the matter was filed by Union of India on 22.07.2004 seeking the opinion of the Hon''ble Supreme Court on Constitutional validity of the PTAA 2004. The Hon''ble Supreme Court has given its opinion on the Presidential Reference on 10.11.2016 and held that the Punjab Act cannot be said to be in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of India. Further, the matter pertaining to enforcement of decree regarding construction of Sutlej Yamuna link (SYL) canal is under consideration of the Hon''ble Supreme Court.

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